

HOUSE RESOLUTION 239

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dr. Nate Schott upon being named by the Jaycees as their 2003 Outstanding Young Tennessean.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to specially recognize those committed young Tennesseans who have risen to great heights in their chosen professions and who have gone on to contribute their efforts and resources in service to their fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated resident of our state is Dr. Nate Schott, who was recently chosen by the Jaycees as their 2003 Outstanding Young Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Nate Schott was born in November of 1966, graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in 1991 and was licensed to practice dentistry in Florida and Tennessee; from 1995 to 1997 Dr. Schott lectured across the United States on practice management and how to grow successful dental practices with Pride Institute, the nation's leading dental practice management firm; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 Dr. Schott began to purchase dental practices, which he grew for the purpose of giving starting dentists the opportunity to have their own practice; he was appointed by then Governor Don Sundquist to the Tennessee State Board of Dentistry in 1999 and served until 2002; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schott joined with two partners to start his own practice management firm, ultimately growing the firm to include ten doctors as clients and ownership of 32 dental offices nationwide; in 2002 he took over the company completely and downsized it to permit focus on his family and in ministries in which he had become involved; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schott was the first dentist in Middle Tennessee to implement drill-less dentistry in 1995; that same year he donated band instruments to a local elementary school and since 2001, has established scholarships for local band students in three high schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schott partnered with New Life Ministries to bring a young boy from Sierra Leone for reconstructive surgery following injuries he had received in that country's long and brutal civil war; the boy and his caregivers stayed in Dr. Schott's home; and

WHEREAS, since that experience, Dr. Schott has been working to establish non-profit dental clinics in Sierra Leone with the help of the Sierra Leone government; Dr. Schott locates equipment around the United States and ships it to Sierra Leone through Final Command Ministries, of which he is a board member; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to serving humanity, Dr. Schott opens his home to the needy, provides pro bono dentistry to those who cannot afford dental care, and befriends those in the community who cannot speak English; he is an ordained Deacon and bi-vocational Pastor, volunteering his time to churches that can't afford a full-time pastor or musician, and donating much of his time and resources to those less fortunate than he is; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this outstanding young Tennessean for his professional excellence and his selfless commitment to serving humanity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that congratulate Dr. Nate Schott upon being named as the Jaycees' Outstanding Young Tennessean for 2003, join with the Jaycees in acknowledging that "service to humanity is the best work of life", and offer Dr. Schott our best wishes for his continued success and satisfaction in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.